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1. On 16 February 1952, a convoy of trucks [redacted] 25X1B
25X1B [redacted] was seen entering the Alte Grenadier Kaserne on Strelitzerstrasse, Neustrelitz (N 54/U 54). Each truck was occupied by 1 officer and 6 men with red-bordered black epaulets and towing a 160-mm mortar. [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted] Colonel Orlov (fnu), commanding officer of the troops in the Alte Grenadier Kaserne who lived on Kommandanturstrasse, and Lieutenant Colonel Kruv (fnu), political officer under Colonel Orlov and who lived in the same building. Trucks [redacted]
25X1B [redacted] each towing a model 42 ZIS-3 76.2-mm field gun and 25X1B carrying 1 officer and 6 men with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen moving into the restricted Schlossgarten area on 15 February. The Schlossgarten area also contained the Marstall. On 25 January, a captain from the restricted Tiergarten area was seen with a letter
25X1B [redacted] *

2. The following troops were seen assembling at the Soviet war memorial on 23 February:

Installation	Number of Officers	Number of EM	Color of Epaulets and Insignia	Number of Flags
Douaumont Kaserne	563	1,975	red-bordered black tank	4
Restricted Schloss-garten area	47	328	red-bordered black artillery	2
	39	253	red-bordered black artillery	2
Grenadier Kaserne	211	823	red-bordered black artillery	2
Restricted Tier-garten area	18	196	black-bordered black engineer	2

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Installation	Number of Officers	Number of EM	Color of Epaulets and Insignia	Number of Flags
Restricted area on Fritz Reuter Strasse	17	462	signal	2
Restricted area on Gerhart Hauptmann-strasse	22	400	red-bordered black	2 **

25X1A * [redacted] Comment. The information from the Grenadier Kaserne confirms the 234th Mort Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div with its commanding officer Colonel Orlov (fnu). As 160-mm mortars have been observed with the mortar regiment there, as well as with the mortar regiments in Neuruppin and Magdeburg, it is fairly definitely believed that a component of the mortar regiments with tank and mechanized 25X1A divisions, probably one battalion of each regiment, has been reequipped with 160-mm mortars in place of 120-mm ones. [redacted],

25X1A [redacted] The guns which, according to the present report, were towed into the restricted Schlossgarten area were probably AA guns belonging to the 12lst (?) AAA Regt which, among other units is carried in the restricted area. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] an engineer unit of the Second Gds Mecz Army which is carried in the restricted Tiergarten area.

25X1A ** [redacted] Comment. No definite information is available to determine the occupation of the installations in Neustrelitz from the number of flags. The troop strengths and branch-of-service insignia observed constitute only a clue and generally confirm previous conclusions regarding the disposition of units in Neustrelitz.

The occupation of the Grenadier Kaserne by about 1,000 troops greatly exceeds the strength of the mortar regiment which is carried there and which is believed to number about 600 men. There is the possibility that the Grenadier Kaserne quarters a hitherto unidentified unit besides the mortar regiment, or that the mortar regiment has been reinforced during the process of rearmament.

25X1 See [redacted] Comment *. It is believed plausible that the regiment may now consist of three battalions, including a 160-mm mortar battalion.

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